

Wanderers aim for their second double

WYCOMBE WANDERERS will be aiming for their second "double" of the season tomorrow night (Wednesday) when they visit the White House Ground to play Oxford City in the Rothmans Isthmian League.

The Blues beat Oxford 2-1 last month at Loakes Park in a game which they dominated in every department, except in front of goal. Neil Hartigan, in fact, gave City a shock fourth minute lead and it was not until the second half that Wanderers hit back to win. Keith Searle equalised after three minutes of the second half and Howard Kennedy's 65th minute goal eventually proved the winner.

Oxford impressed on that night, especially in the first half when their small but nippy front runners gave Wycombe a good deal of trouble.

City have been struggling since that defeat, losing 1-2 at Woking and 1-3 at Enfield. They fared somewhat better in their next two home matches, drawing 3-3 with Barking and 1-1 with Hayes. But on Saturday, Oxford must have been disappointed to go out of the F.A. Challenge Trophy, losing 1-0 at home to Devizes.

City's team for tomorrow could see John Woodley, who played at centre half at Loakes Park, moving upfront. Woodley is the club's top goalscorer with seven this season and played in the striker's role on Saturday.

Player-manager Maurice Kyle has taken Woodley's place in the centre of defence.

Full back Andy Glass is their only doubtful starter. Glass sustained a badly bruised ankle against Devizes and Jim Tomkins is standing by to take his place. Jerry Costello, who played for Oxford University in last year's Varsity Match, may also turn out in midfield.

Wanderers are expected to field the same team that beat Clapton on Saturday and it will be interesting to see if Paul Griffiths keeps his place in preference to Paul Birdseye at full back.